

## 'MAINTENANCE OF MONOPOLY' FIGURES IN MELLEN'S LETTER

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Attorneys for the government in the trial of the eleven former directors of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad on the charge of criminal violation of the Sherman law, today read into the record a letter from Charles S. Mellen, once vice-president and later president of the road, in which he applied the phrase "maintenance of monopoly" to the activities of the road in the acquisition of the competing properties.

Mr. Mellen remarked in the same letter that through lack of foresight and delay in the purchase of such properties the New Haven had paid "a tremendous price when with very little effort the competition could have been stopped at its inception and with very little expenditure."

It was fortunate, he wrote, that the road was rich, "but is there not a limit

beyond which even a property like the New Haven can go?"

The letter was written on May 30, 1900, during Mr. Mellen's absence from the New Haven as president of the Northern Pacific, in response to a request from John M. Hall, then the New Haven's president, to put him in touch with the interests in control of the central New England railroad with a view to purchasing it. Previous testimony introduced by the government revealed that the New Haven had contemplated the purchase of the road the year before while it was in foreclosure proceedings, but that the directors, particularly J. P. Morgan and William Rockefeller had objected to the purchase owing to the price asked.

The opinion, it was disclosed, was not then in accord with that of either Hall or Mellen, although four years later Messrs. Morgan and Rockefeller were revealed as conducting the negotiations for the acquisition of the road.

## SIX HUNDRED FIFTY IN PERIL ON SHIP AFIRE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—The French line steamship Rochambeau, two days out of New York for Bordeaux, which reported by wireless today that there was a fire in her coal bunkers, presumably was steaming tonight for Halifax, the nearest port. Her exact position was not given in the single wireless message that brought news of her plight to land, but it was calculated that she would make Halifax some time late tonight or early tomorrow.

Aboard the menaced steamer are approximately 650 persons—421 passengers and a crew of 230—and a large cargo of war supplies, including 2,541 cases of cartridges and 136 bales of cotton.

The fire, which turned the vessel from her course toward the northern port of Halifax is deep in the hold, in the bunkers where is placed the reserve supply of coal. Its exact location, according to the wireless message, is undetermined. This message said that the vessel was in no danger and from its tone the French line officials inferred that the situation was not a serious one.

"We are not alarmed," said Fauguet, general agent of the line. "Bunker fires are not uncommon, nor are they generally very serious, as they are away from the cargo space."

Only one wireless message had been received when the French line offices closed at Tulsa tonight. This was from Captain Juham and reached the offices here about 2:10 p. m. It read:

"Fire in No. 5 coal bunker. Fighting fire and have turned to Halifax. Hope to put it out. No danger at all."

The Rochambeau left New York Saturday afternoon. It was estimated that she had sailed 600 miles when the wireless message was received today. This would still keep her within the ocean lane traveled by the big transatlantic liners and, despite the silence of the sea, enforced by admiralty censors, there is reason to believe that at least three ships are within close steaming distance, available in an emergency.

Lifeboats and life rafts are all aboard and to spare for all were on the Rochambeau when she sailed, according to the line's officials. It was estimated that life saving accommodations for 1,500 persons, more than twice as many as sailed, were on board. In addition, the steamer is equipped with the usual fire fighting apparatus required in the case of ocean liners.

The big cargo, which weighted the steamer low in the water, consisted chiefly of iron and steel, machinery, copper and steel wire, brass rods, empty shells and guns. So far as could be learned tonight, 2,541 cases of cartridges were the only explosives aboard.

Maritime circles wondered today if the accident was another of the long list attributed to the activities of bomb carriers and placers. Within the last few days the steamer Rio La Mera, from New York to Queensbury, with sugar, caught fire at sea and, not into Halifax with fire in her hold. Her captain attributed the fire to a bomb hidden in a sugar bag.

The list of steamers sailing from New York to Europe upon which bombs were found and in some cases explosions occurred, and their sailing dates, include the following:

Touraine, March 6; Devon City, April 27; Lord Erne, April 29; Crossington Court, April 29; Samland, May 1; Lord Downshire, May 1; Kirkowald, May 2; Strathgairn, May 3; Rankdale, May 3; Minichaba, July 9; Craikside, July 24; Athinal, September 8; Sant' Ana, September 13.

## STANLEY'S MAJORITY FAST DWINDLING IN KENTUCKY

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 8.—With the official canvass of the gubernatorial vote in Kentucky complete, except for one county, A. O. Stanley's unofficial democratic majority in the state was lowered to 227 votes.

Reports that republican leaders might in the event they failed to secure a majority for Edwin P. Morrow in contests they have inaugurated, carry the election before the state leg-

## GRACE HOSPITAL LOANS MADE ON LORIMER'S WORD

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

MORRIS, Ill., Nov. 8.—C. B. Munday, charged with conspiracy in the failure of the LaSalle Street Trust and Savings bank of Chicago, of which he was vice-president, continued his story of the financial affairs of the bank on the stand today.

Munday swore that loans made to Grace Hospital, one of the ventures of William Lorimer, president of the bank, were made on the verbal guarantee of Lorimer that he would make good any shortage.

Of H. M. Huttig of Muscatine, Iowa, who severed his connection with Munday several months before the bank failed the witness said that the first time he ever met Mr. Huttig, the Iowan asked for a "loan of \$40,000 or \$50,000."

In his testimony, Munday attributed the bank's failure to "Chicago newspapers, the opposition of Chicago bankers and to bank examiners."

Under cross-examination, Munday said he had stepped from a small position as a telegraph operator to his place as a Chicago banker in ten years, when he was worth \$550,000, he said.

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convoy. In the Mediterranean the Germans have sunk several steamers, including the British boarding steamer Tara.

## Artillery Actions Continue

PARIS, Nov. 8.—The official communication issued tonight follows: "Violent artillery actions continued during the day in several regions along the front, notably in Artois. In the sectors of Loos and the Givenchy wood, north of the Avre, in the neighborhood of Andreehy and in Champagne east of Tahure, as well as north of saMises."

"Our batteries destroyed north of Saint Mihiel, a German anti-craft gun."

In the Vosges district the struggle at close quarters with petards and bombs was again very spirited in the neighborhood of Chapelotte."

## Saloniki Anniversary

ATHENS, Nov. 8.—The third anniversary of the fall of Saloniki was celebrated here today by a Te Deum on the maneuver grounds. In the presence of King Constantine and the members of the royal family. The ceremony was followed by a review at which the king was acclaimed. M. Micheldakos, the Cretan opponent of M. Venizelos, who at first refused the portfolios of education and public works, previously held by M. Theotokis, finally accepted. The first meeting of the cabinet was held today. No change in policy is expected.

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law German officials, however, said they were much more interested in what measures the United States would take to obtain acquiescence to its expressed views.

In view of the length of the note, an answer from Great Britain is not expected for at least a month.

Isalure, were met by a flat denial today at republican state headquarters. "We are on the other side of the bridge," said Maurice L. Galvan, chairman of the republican state campaign commission. "We believe we have the election won." he added.

The state board of election commissioners will verify the reported official majorities at Frankfort November 20. A certificate of election then will be issued to the candidate the board determines to be the winner.

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## TWELFTH SCHMIDT JUROR IN BOX, ALTERNATE TO BE CHOSEN

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 8.—The twelfth regular juror was selected this afternoon and work was begun on the selection of an alternate juror to sit in the trial of Matthew A. Schmidt, charged with murder in connection with the destruction of the Los Angeles Times building, Oct. 1, 1910.

When the last regular juror was decided on, Judge Frank R. Willis, stated that in view of the prospect of the trial being a long one, advantage would be taken of the law which provided that an alternate juror might be selected to take the place of one of the regular jurors in case of illness. This law, the court said, provided that the defense should have two permanently challenges and the prosecution one in the selection of this alternate.

The names of the twelve regular jurors, with the residence, occupation and age of each are as follows: Edwin H. Miller, Redondo Beach, hotel proprietor, 66; Sanford Woodbury, Pasadena, stock raiser, 58; C. D. Daniels, Lancaster, rancher, 45; W. W. Imbler, Los Angeles, street railway conductor, 43; George L. Loudon, Los Angeles, contractor, 59; J. B. Hunter, Whittier, carpenter, 43; E. W. Lawrence, Puente, rancher, 35; Jos. E. Moore, Bell, teamster, 43; Frank D. Pease, Alhambra, retired merchant, 48; H. H. Hayward, Pasadena, retired grocer, 55; W. J. Hawkins, Azusa, laborer,

53; Charles J. West, Artesia, rancher, 64.

Nathan C. Coghan, chief counsel for the defense, stated tonight that he would ask for a decision tomorrow on the question of the eligibility of James W. Noel, of Indianapolis, to act as special prosecutor in the case. The defense filed an objection last Friday to Noel's participation and Coghan stated that Noel's admission today to practice in the court in this state does not make him eligible as he still is not a citizen of California nor an elector of this country.

## UTILIZE THE DANUBE Germany and Austria Passing Supplies Into Bulgaria

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

LONDON, Nov. 8.—"Germany and Austria already have begun to utilize the Danube river to pass supplies into Bulgaria," says the Times Bureau correspondent.

"Last Saturday there arrived at Butschuk three tons of barges escorted by Austrian monitors. Troops and a large quantity of munitions and motor cars were landed for the army of Field Marshal Baron von Der Goltz, commander of the first Turkish army."

"Telegrams from Turnusoverin say that other convoys escorted by ships flying Austrian and German flags are passing down the Danube for Bulgarian ports."

## U. S. Doubles Business With South America

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—Success of the campaign to secure for the United States the trade of South America is indicated by foreign commerce figures for September, made public today.

In both imports and exports the United States has about doubled its business with South American countries during the past year. Imports in September were \$30,052,765, compared with \$15,858,234, for September 1914. Exports amounted to \$16,335,717, against \$8,288,851, for the same month a year ago.

Today's statement also shows improvement in trade with Mexico. Exports to Mexico showed an increase of about \$1,000,000 in September over the same month last year, and imports an increase of nearly \$3,000,000.

America's export trade with almost the entire world has grown, only one country, Japan, showing a slight decrease. Continued increase in shipments to the allied countries is indicated.

Although no American goods reached Austria in September 1914, exports to that country, amounting to \$60,167 were recorded for September this year, and exports to Germany, which were only \$2,378 in September 1914, increased to \$96,797.

## LORD KESTEVAN KILLED

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

LONDON, Nov. 8.—Lord Kestevan has been killed in the Balkans, where he was attached to a cavalry regiment. Lord Kestevan, who was 24 years old, was the sixth peer to fall in the present war.

## JAPANESE DELEGATES NOT SEATED BY THE FEDERATION

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 8.—The American Federation of Labor at the close of the first session of its 35 annual convention today faced the question of ousting from the floors of future conventions fraternal delegates of religious organizations. A sharp conflict was promised at tomorrow's session when Milwaukee, Wis., delegates of Brewery workers would, it was announced, introduce on the convention floor a resolution to oust such delegates.

Fraternal delegates of several religious organizations, including the Federal Council of the churches of Christ of America, were seated at the opening session today, by a unanimous approval of the report of the committee of credentials, which failed to recommend at the time seating two Japanese labor delegates from Japan.

The brewery workers' from Milwaukee would make their fight to oust the religious delegates. It was said upon informed authority, upon the antagonism of religious organizations to the liquor production and traffic, and their professed alliance with the prohibition movement.

Chief interest in today's opening session was the perfunctory recognition given to E. Suzuki and S. Yoshimatsu, representatives of the Laborers' Friendly Society of Japan in the conventions failure to accord them recognition as fraternal delegates. It had been expected that they would be seated. They sat

alone in the gallery of the convention hall until they had been extended the "courtesies of the convention." No comment was made by the credentials committee upon its unexpected recommendation.

Today's session was adjourned to permit the delegates to celebrate American Federation of Labor day at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. Samuel Gompers, president, received a bronze plaque.

## RUSSIA LOSES RICH LANDS.

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

LONDON, Nov. 9.—A Petrograd dispatch to the Times says an explanatory memorandum issued by the government regarding the budget which is now ready to be framed in the assumption that the war will last all of next year, points out the loss to the exchequer entailed by the fact that Russia's enemies have seized her richest industrial provinces, comprising an area exceeding 123,000 square miles, with a population of 75,000,000 and with 5,333 miles of railroads.

## BESMIRCHING IRISHMEN

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

LONDON, Nov. 9.—The Irish Nationalist party in an official report, strongly condemns the conduct of Irishmen of military age in leaving Ireland as "unpatriotic and besmirching the number of Ireland's sons who have joined the colors."